

**MARK THESE DATES**

**February 14th  
DHS Boosters  
mtg 7pm**

**February 20-24  
Winter Break  
No School**

**March 1st  
School Council  
mtg 5:00 pm**

**School  
Committee  
mtg 7pm**

**March 7th  
All Band Night  
Concerts  
6:30 & 8:00**

**March 8th  
All Choral Night  
Concert  
7:00 pm**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Valentine's Day!!

**APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL TOUR:** As an Apple Distinguished School District, part of our responsibility is to provide information to school districts that are investigating or in the process of implementing laptop programs. Today, approximately 40 teachers, administrators, IT staff, and parents from a number of towns including Needham and Weymouth will be here for the day to tour and observe how we have integrated technology into our classrooms. The day will include a panel presentation of students and teachers, tours of each building on the campus and focused classroom observations. This is a great opportunity for us to articulate all of the very good things that are happening at our schools with regard to how we integrate technology to improve the educational experience of our students.

**BAND AND ALL CHORAL NIGHT CONCERTS:**

The Band Night Concerts will be held March 7th in the P.A.C. at 6:30 and 8:00pm. All Choral Night was moved to Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00pm in the P.A.C.

**DHS SCHOOL COUNCIL TOPIC:**

The Duxbury High School Council will be considering the question of publishing the DHS Honor Roll during the next School Council meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 5:00pm in the DHS Library.

Parents/Guardians and community members interested in expressing an opinion on this topic are invited to attend the meeting and participate during Public Comment, and/or to email the School Council at [dhsschoolcouncil@duxbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:dhsschoolcouncil@duxbury.k12.ma.us)

**COURSE SELECTION:**

As we approach course selection time for the 2017-2018 school year, please view the Guidance Section of this newsletter and on the DHS website for specific information about Course Selection Night and other pertinent information.

Thanks and have a great week!  
Andrew Stephens

From the Guidance Office: Follow us on twitter @DuxGuidance for up to date announcements and information of interest.

Be sure to check out the Guidance website as well with lots of information and resources. We will be working this fall to update it even more.

Information for Seniors:

- Remember to let your counselor know about decisions as they come in form early applications. Be sure to submit a transcript request form at least 3 weeks prior to an admission deadline so that we can ensure your materials are sent out on time.
- Midyear reports (term 1 and term 2 grades, NOT midyear exam grades) will be sent to colleges beginning on Monday, January 30th. Be sure to see your Guidance Counselor if you do not want them sent.
- It is a student's responsibility to check their application status online and alert their counselor of anything listed as missing.
- Scholarship information is available on the Guidance website. The application for the DHS Senior Awards Night scholarships is available on Naviance. It can be found on the "about me" tab in Naviance and must be completed by March 1, 2017.
- Other scholarships that are not part of the DHS awards night are also listed on Naviance – be sure to pay attention to deadlines. Every little bit helps so we encourage you to apply.

Course Selection 2017-2018: The Program of Studies for 2017-2018 will be available on the website by February 17, 2017.

AP applications will be available by this time as well and due by March 8th.

Students will make their course selections through the portal at the end of March.

Families of students in grades 8-11 are invited to attend an informational meeting about course selection on March 2, 2017 beginning at 6:30pm. The program agenda will be as follows:

6:30pm-7:15pm Information for 8th grade families

7:15pm-8pm Information for families of students grades 9-11

8pm-8:45pm Information about Advanced Placement courses and applications

Additionally elective areas will be available to showcase the various offerings for students on Main St.

Subject Supervisors and Guidance Counselors will also be available for specific questions regarding course offerings and the program of studies.

Upcoming Dates: SAT's – March 11, May 6, June 3  
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ACT's – February 11, April 8, June

Course Selection night for families in grades 8-11 – March 2, 2017 at 6:30pm. More info to come.

### Meeting for Gradnite 2017!!

Wednesday March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Breadboard

Hoping to see parents from grades 9 through 12.

We can be reached at [duxburygradnite@gmail.com](mailto:duxburygradnite@gmail.com). Check the website at [www.duxburygradnite.org](http://www.duxburygradnite.org) for announcements about poster making nights, ways to donate and volunteer, and ticket sales.

## ***March Media Madness . . .***

**The Parent Connection and Bay Farm Montessori Academy are hosting  
two parenting events focused on  
Children's Media Use: Achieving a Healthy Balance**

### **Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age**

*Two movie screenings offered:*

*Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm  
Presentation Hall, Duxbury Middle-High  
School*

*also*

*Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
Bay Farm Montessori, Duxbury – Great Room*

SCREENAGERS is an award-winning documentary that probes into the challenges of balancing tech use and family life, including the director's own, and depicts everyday struggles over social media, video games, academics and even internet addiction.

Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

***No tickets required for these screenings.  
Suggested donation at the door \$10.***

### **Ask the Mediatrixian® an evening with Dr. Michael Rich**

*Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Presentation Hall, Duxbury Middle-High  
School*

How can families establish healthy habits when it comes to media use? Dr. Michael Rich, Director of the Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital in Boston, Harvard Medical School, and Harvard School of Public Health is a pediatrician, researcher, and father. Dr. Rich will speak to parents of young children, tweens, and teens on achieving a healthy balance in your child's media diet.

Dr. Rich will offer:

- research-based answers to parents' questions about children's media use and implications for their health and development
- tools to empower parents and caregivers to make better-informed choices on their children's "media diets"
- information and strategies that are balanced, practical, and based in scientific evidence

**ticket information at  
[www.theparentconnection.org](http://www.theparentconnection.org)**



# Duxbury Music Promoters

*Supporting our students, Enriching our community*

**Promoters is a parent and community volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the music departments, teachers, and students of Alden, DMS, and OHS through efforts including fundraising, publicity, and concert event support.**

## UPCOMING DUXBURY MUSIC EVENTS and NEWS

Upcoming Music Promoter's Meetings - Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Orchestra Room on Tuesday 4/4, and 5/9. Come and see how you can help support Duxbury Music in 2017.

### Congratulations to:

Maya Lee, horn

Sam Worley, trombone

Will Figler, String Bass

Accepted to MMEA All State Band and Orchestra!!!

## DMP MEMBERSHIP

### Please join us!!!

DMP has only 62 members from approximately 1,300 students that participate in performance groups.

### Please join TODAY!

Click on our website's DONATE button @ [www.duxburymusic.org](http://www.duxburymusic.org)

### Upcoming Events

DMP meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Orchestra Room on Tuesday 2/7.

Taunton Exchange Concert - 2/9/17 @ 6pm @ Taunton High School

All Band Night - Rescheduled to 3/7/17

All Choral Night - 2/13/17 @ 7pm @ PAC

### Like Us On Facebook & Twitter And Receive Updates



### Missed a Concert?

[View Past Concerts](#)

Listen to previous band performances on Jill Noerenberg's [Soundcloud](#)

### Become A Duxbury Music Supporter Today!



[Subscribe to DMP News and Receive Monthly Newsletters](#)

### Submit your 2017 Annual Membership

*All donations are tax deductible (non-profit organization).*

Eighth Note \$25

Quarter Note \$50

Half Note \$100

Whole Note \$200 and above receive 4 reserved seats for every requested student concert.

Symphony Level \$500

Benefactor Level \$1000

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State Theatre Competition Starts March 4 at Venues Including Duxbury PAC  
Duxbury Theatre Troupe #355 Presents "The Tempest" as Entry in METG Preliminaries

DUXBURY, MA (February 13, 2017) – The storm of vengeance wreaked by former Duchess of Milan and sorcerer Prospera to lure those who conspired against her in order to return her daughter to her rightful place, paired with the unfolding romance of that daughter and the son of one of the traitors, are showcased in Duxbury High School's version of "The Tempest," by William Shakespeare. As Duxbury High School's entry in the Massachusetts High School Festival, the play will be one of 112 performed during the preliminary rounds that day at 14 schools across the state. Eight plays will be hosted by Duxbury at the town's Performing Arts Center.

The Festival is the premier event of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild. Winners of the preliminaries continue to semi-finals March 18. Finals will be in Boston March 30 through April 1. The top two schools there will represent the state at the New England Drama Festival April 20-22 in Norwood, MA. Schools attending the preliminary round in Duxbury are listed below. Tickets are \$10 at the door and entitle the bearer to see any and all plays that day. Once each play begins, anyone arriving must wait until the next play to enter the auditorium.

What: Preliminary Round of the METG Massachusetts High School Festival of Plays  
Including Theatre Troupe #355's production of "The Tempest"

When: 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2107, with awards ceremony at 8:30 p.m:

9:00 East Boston High School  
10:00 South Shore Vocational Technical  
11:15 Middleborough High School  
12:15 Norwell High School            2:00 Hull High School  
3:00 Marshfield High School  
4:30 Braintree High School  
5:30 Duxbury High School

Where: Duxbury Performing Arts Center  
71 Alden Street, Duxbury    Directions: <http://www.duxbury.k12.ma.us/Page/424>

Tickets: Tickets are \$10.00 available at the door.

The student director of "The Tempest" is senior Grace Goodell, working under the guidance of faculty director Darin Macfarlane. The full cast list is available upon request.

Duxbury High School's Troupe #355 is one of the few continually operational high school thespian troupes chartered by the national Educational Theatre Association. Under the leadership of Darin Macfarlane and other Duxbury Public Schools faculty and staff, the award-winning troupe performs five shows per year, with a one-act competition in fall, the high school musical in winter, one drama and another selection of one-act plays in spring, as well as its submission to the state Festival competition.

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